

Knights of Lithuania

Maspeth Council 110

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Labas Vyciai:

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NO ONE IS PERFECT. Before anyone criticizes others, we should look in the mirror and identify our own imperfections. We are human and are all born with imperfections. However, every day gives us another opportunity to strive toward perfection for ourselves, our families and our country. Do what you can to make this world a more perfect place in which to live.

WARM WELCOME TO MONSIGNOR JOSEPH CALISE PASTOR OF TRANFIGURATION CHURCH:

The Maspeth Vyciai Knights of Lithuania 110 welcomes our new Pastor Monsignor Joseph Calise. Monsignor Calise has previously served as Pastor to Mount Carmel and Annunciation Churches in Brooklyn and is truly dedicated, honest and caring to all. God, bless you Monsignor Calise, you will always live in our hearts and prayers.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PAST DUE FOR 2017, DUES FOR 2018 TO BE SUBMITTED:

For those who renewed their membership and sent payment to Dr. Kazas, it was truly appreciated. If you have not renewed your membership I personally ask that you do so that this organization can continue and grow. Membership renewals and new membership applications are to be sent to Dr. Kazas for 2017. In memory of those we love and who founded and built the Knights of Lithuania Maspeth Council 110, we ask that you RENEW your membership for 2017 and continue to seek out new members and participate whenever you can. A membership application is attached. MAKE COPIES for each member you sign up for they must each complete a separate application. For those who have already paid their 2017 dues, thank you. Remember no organization can continue without its members.

The qualifications for membership are: you must be Lithuanian or married to a Lithuanian or the child of a parent who is Lithuanian and Catholic. Membership is now open to NON-LITHUANIANS WHO ARE CHRISTIAN AND SUPPORT LITHUNANIA. Membership dues are \$30 Dollars a year for the first person within the house hold and \$15 dollars for each additional member of the family living together. JUNIORS, those under 18 have their membership paid by a lump sum fee from Council 110. Kindly return completed applications with a check for the membership dues made payable to: KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, 110. Mail to: Dr. Paul-Michael Kazas, 87-28 97th Street, Woodhaven, New York 11421.

RESPOND A.S.A.P. IF YOU WILL ATTEND A KUCIOS ON DECEMBER 10, 2017:

If the members of Council 110 wish to have a Kucios on Sunday, December 10, 2017, hosted by Dr. Kazas, immediately contact him at 718-849-5725 to confirm your attendance and the number in your

party that will be joining you. TICKETS ARE \$25 DOLLARS PER PERSON, PAYABLE BY CHECK TO THE KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, COUNCIL 110, NO REFUNDS, NO CASH ACCEPTED AND NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR. Our Kucios is like no other. However, we require at least 66 people who have paid in order to hold a Kucios of the caliber as in past years. REPLY VIA TELEPHONE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST THAT YOU WILL BE ATTENDANCE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR PARTY AND THAT A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO THE "KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA, COUNCIL 110" HAS BEEN SENT TO: DR. PAUL-MICHAEL KAZAS AT 87-28 97TH STREET, WOODHAVEN, NEW YORK 11421. If sufficient replies are not received by October 1st, Dr. Kazas will be unable to host this year's Kucios but others are welcome to Host the Kucios.

The Maspeth Vyciai-Knights of Lithuania 110 Kucios truly displays the meaning of Christmas. In the past, we were blessed to have as our honored guests the Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States and Mexico, the Hon. Julius Pranevicius the Consul General to the Republic of Lithuania in New York and several high-level officials representing the Federal, State, City Governments as well as the largest Municipal Union within the City of New York. In the past, our Angel Teresa Mazzilli who performed Opera across the United States and throughout Europe had performed for us and now she sings for God in Heaven. At our Kucios, we have honored current and past members and the memory of our loved ones.

The cost of the Kucios, \$25 dollars per person, covers about the cost of the food and contributions to the Clergy, nothing else. Everything else from the decorations, gifts, flowers, place settings, table cloths, cups, plates, deserts etc... have been donated which amounts to several thousand dollars. So, kindly respond as soon as possible to confirm your attendance and remit payment.

MEETING AND PRESENTATION TO THE MAYOR OF VILNIUS, THE HON.: REMIGIJUS SIMASIUS:

On Thursday, July 20, 2017 Dr. Kazas representing the Maspeth Vyciai had the distinct honor and privilege of meeting the Hon. Remigijus Simasius Mayor of Vilnius Lithuania. This meeting was held with our dear friend the Hon. Julius Pranevicius the Consul General to the Republic of Lithuania at the Consulate in Manhattan. Mayor Simasius was presented with Council 110's Vytis Medallion and both the Council General and Mayor were presented with Council 110's Columns of Gediminas Medallion. The Columns of Gediminas are a symbol of nobility and recently is a symbol against Russian occupation in Lithuania. The Mayor was also presented with a New York City Street Sign which read: Remigijus Simasius Highway. The Mayor was informed of Council 110's commitment to the Republic, the Embassy, the Consulate and the Lithuanian people to keep them free, independent and democratic. The Mayor was also informed of our Council's activities as well as the upcoming Adopt-a-Highway site under the name of its President and Council. As such, Mayor Simasius is considering creating an Adopt-a-Highway program in the City of Vilnius, Lithuania. Aciu, Aciu, Aciu Labai.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. MARLENE HOCHSTADT, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER NYCDOT:

In furtherance of promoting the Republic of Lithuania and in appreciation of those who support a free, independent and democratic republic, on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 Dr. Kazas presented to Deputy Commissioner Marlene Hochstadt a Humanitarian Award for her devotion and friendship. In attendance, were the Hon. Polly Trottenberg Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation as well as the Hon. Iris Weinshall fmr Commissioner NYCDOT as well as several other dignitaries.

ASSEMBLYMAN MICHAEL MILLER HONORED AT HOLY CHILD MAY 6, 2017:

Our dear friend Assemblyman Michael Miller was honored by the One Stop Richmond Hill Community Center on Saturday, May 6, 2017. On behalf of the Lithuanian Community and as a member of the One Stop Community Center, Dr. Kazas thanked Assemblyman Miller for all his steadfast support to the Republic of Lithuania, the Lithuanian people and to the Maspeth Vyciai and wished him a very Happy Birthday which took place on May 10th.

FATHER VYTAUTAS VOLERTAS HONORED BY SAINT STANS SCHOOL, APRIL 29, 2017:

Our Spiritual Advisor, very dear friend Father Vytautas Volertas was honored on Saturday, April 29th by Saint Stan's School having received a beautiful plaque thanking him for his dedication, stellar works and support to that community. Dr. Kazas received the honor of introducing Father Vytas as he received his award. No words, no material items can truly do the proper honor of thanking Father Vytas for all that he has done for his words and deeds come from his heart. Aciu Labai Father Vytas.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT MEETING, October 29th, 2017:

We encourage everyone to attend the next Mid-Atlantic District Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 29th, 2017. Lithuanian Mass at: 11:30, Mid-Atlantic District Meeting to follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Luncheon Tickets are \$15 Dollars per person. Help support and keep the Maspeth Knight of Lithuania alive by attending this event. confirm your attendance by contacting Dr. Paul-Michael Kazas, 718-849-5725.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CEREMONY DR . PAUL-MICHAEL KAZAS:

Dr. Paul-Michael Kazas has adopted a Highway located in Kew Gardens Queens the on-ramp to the Jackie Robinson Parkway E/B off Metropolitan Avenue between Park Lane South and Union Turnpike. Since January 1st over 70 bags of litter and other debris has been collected. A proposed ribbon cutting ceremony is being requested to promote this stellar program, to honor the Lithuanian Community and to honor the memory of our dear friend the late Anthony J. Fasulo. Help protect the environment by doing what you can to make this world a cleaner and greener place. Aciu.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CEREMONY KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA COUNCIL 110:

To further promote the Republic of Lithuania, its history, language, culture and its people, ANOTHER ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY SITE has been approved. A highway sign listing the name of the Knights of Lithuania Council 110 will be erected within the coming months at the OFF RAMP FROM THE JACKIE ROBINSON PARKWAY W/B TO METROPOLITAN AVENUE BETWEEN PARK LANE SOUTH AND UNION TURNPIKE IN KEW GARDENS QUEENS. This site is across from Dr. Kazas Adopt-a-Highway site. Once again, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be requested to be held in 2018 at the site.

MEETING NOTICE, THE MASPETH VYCIAI MEETS THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH:

Unless otherwise stated, the Knights of Lithuania Council 110 meets the last Sunday of every month following the 11:30 Lithuanian Mass. We meet in the Parish Hall but for very small groups we hold our meetings at the Maspeth Dinner. Keep the organization that your parents and family built alive by attending and getting involved.

ELECTIONS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2017:

Elections will be held for the Knights of Lithuania Council 110 on Sunday, September 24th, 2017. Those interested in running for office, kindly attend.

KINDLY SUPPORT THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US:

- Father Vytautas Volertas, Transfiguration Church 718-326-2236
- Lithuanian Consulate 212-354-7840
- Dr. Giedre Kumpikas, Lithuanian Radio Program 718-776-1687
- Ellie Nakrosis HM, President Mid-Atlantic District 201-998-9641
- Ramute Zukas, President Lithuanian-American LI Dist 516-353-1229
- Edward Kodis, Kodis Funeral Home 718-326-1658
- Frank's Deli 718-639-5068
- Krakus Deli 718-326-5010
- Joe & Jackie Abramaitis, Real Estate Brokers 917-952-2156
- Rear Admiral Anthony Pace, Coastal Patrol Cadet Corp 516-781-0133
- Eleanor Constantinou, Carpet Time 718-472-4740
- Grand Florist 718-326-1090
- Jim & Beatre Niessen, Beatra Szpura Illustrations 718-424-8440
- Rimas Samis, A & R Video & Disco Jockey 203-988-0079
- Dr. Paul-Michael Kazas, Maspeth Vyciai 718-849-5725
- Paul Williams Absolutely Trophies, Inc. 718-279-4698
- Simcha Waisman, One Stop Richmond Hill Community Center 718-849-3759
- Paul Williams CEO Inner City Handball Assoc 718-703-7699
- www.ICHA.org;
- Tom MaGuire-Mag Pipes/Emerald Society 347-256-6030

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